

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development

Resolution No.: 12-11-19A

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden Providing for the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Serve as the City's Agent for Property Acquisition in Connection with Charter School Expansion in the Cramer Hill Neighborhood and to Accept Title to the Property from the City as Needed for this Redevelopment Project

Project Summary:

- Camden's Charter School Network is a non-profit organization created to assist the Camden Promise Charter School in providing school facilities.
- The Network proposes to acquire 4 privately owned, vacant lots in Block 955 for the purpose of constructing a new Early Education Center.
- The lots are adjacent to property already owned by the Network. All of the lots are subject to significant tax liens.
- Under the Shared Services Agreement, the CRA would act as the City's Agent in the acquiring the properties for this public purpose.
- Upon acquisition, the property would be conveyed to the CRA for this redevelopment project.

Purpose of Resolution:

Authorize a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for a term of two years.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

Total Assessed value of the 4 properties is \$70,400; the cost of acquisition of the property will be paid by the Charter School Network.

Total Project Cost:

TBD

Source of Funds:

Camden's Charter School Network

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the Camden's Charter School Network (Network) has expressed a desire to the City of Camden (City) to acquire four vacant contiguous properties known as Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 of the City Tax Map in connection with the proposed expansion of its charter school facilities in the Cramer Hill Neighborhood (the "Project") and has requested the City's assistance in completing the acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the CRA possesses the appropriate experience to conduct the property acquisition on behalf of the City including, if necessary, the use of the City's statutory authority of eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 to -50;and

WHEREAS, the cost of acquisition of the property will be paid by the Charter School Network; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition by the City the property would be conveyed to the CRA and ultimately to the Charter School Network pursuant to a redevelopment agreement to be entered into between the CRA and the Charter School Network to be authorized by a separate action of the CRA; and

WHEREAS, the city is intending to consider the approval of the proposed Shared Services Agreement at an upcoming meeting and this resolution shall be null and void if the City does not adopt a resolution authorizing the Shared Services Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden having a term of two years for the purpose of acquiring on behalf of the City Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10, and 16 of the City of Camden Tax Map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shared Services Agreement shall include a provision expressly authorizing the CRA to use the City's statutory authority of eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20: 3-1 to -50 in order to acquire the properties for a public purpose if good faith negotiations are unsuccessful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRA is hereby authorized to accept conveyance from the City of properties designated as Block 955 Lots 6, 9, 10, and 16 of the City of Camden Tax Map for re-conveyance to the Charter School Network pursuant to a redevelopment agreement to be entered into between the CRA and the Charter School Network to be authorized by a separate action of the CRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: *Ian K. Leonard*

SECONDED BY: *Vance Bowman*

| COMMISSIONER | AYES | NAYS | ABSTENTIONS |
|-------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Vance C. Bowman | ✓ | | |
| Sheila Davis | ✓ | | |
| Ian K. Leonard | ✓ | | |
| Jose Javier Ramos | ✓ | | |
| Maria Sharma | ✓ | | |
| Marilyn Torres | ✓ | | |

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson
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Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

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